

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9 and 12 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2, 10, 11 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 1, 9 and 12 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

By way of background, Claims 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In addition, Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mikolajczyk et al. Claims 7, 8 and 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mikolajczyk. Claims 2 and 6 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim and have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to Claims 2 and 6. In response, Applicant has canceled Claim 2 and put the limitations of Claim 2 into independent Claims 1 and 9. In addition, Applicant has canceled Claims 10, 11 and 13 that were rejected under §101 and has amended Claim 12 in the fashion indicated by the Official Action on page 9.

Accordingly, all claims should be allowable at this point and an early indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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